

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, , line 4 with the following paragraph (marked to show changes made):

The p75 TNFR:Fc elutes off a hydrophobic interaction column (HIC) as three distinct peaks termed Fraction #1, Fraction #2 and Fraction #3 (see Figure 1). Fraction #2 is the desired fraction. Fraction #3 was of particular interest since it can comprise from 20 to 60% of the sample and has been shown to exhibit low TNF binding activity and A375 bioactivity in comparison with Fraction #2. Therefore, in the interest of understanding the differences between these two fractions and ascertaining what factors contribute to the loss in activity for Fraction #3 as it pertains to structure and conformation, biophysical studies were carried out. In this example, we analyzed Fraction #2 and Fraction #3 using Circular Dichroism, Fluorescence, on-line SEC/UV/LS/RI, and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC).